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RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File for HRS 2008 Final Release

HRS Data Used:

- 2008 Exit Final Release Final V1 (November 2010)
- 2008 Post Exit Final Release Final V1 (March 2010)

The files are:

- randhrsexit2008v1_SAS.zip
 - randhrsexit2008v1.sas7bdat: SAS data
 - randhrsexit2008v1.cont: SAS Contents listing
 - README_exit2008.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
 - randhrsexit2008v1_STATA.zip
 - randhrsexit2008v1.dta: STATA 11 data
 - README_exit2008.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
 - randhrsexit2008v1_SPSS.zip
 - randhrsexit2008v1.sav: SPSS data
 - README_exit2008.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
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Additions and Changes to the Public Release HRS Data

The RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview Files only include Respondent-level modules. We have added numeric versions of household and person identifiers to facilitate matching across years and merging with other RAND HRS data products.

Where appropriate, we have removed the second letter “P” from the Post-Exit variable names so that we can append the Post-Exit interview data to the Exit interview data. The Post-Exit Interview responses can be identified by the flag POST_EXIT=1. The Exit Interview responses can be identified by POST_EXIT=0. The RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview Files include all Respondents from both the Exit and Post-Exit Interviews.

Identifier Variables: Not Wave-Specific

Description	Tracker Variable Name in <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File</i>	Notes
HRS Household ID (Num)	HHIDN	ID Fields are provided in both numeric (Num) and character (Char) format. HRS provides IDs in character format, but numeric formats are included in the <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File</i> to facilitate merging with data from previous waves.
HRS Household ID (Char)	HHID	
HRS Household ID + Person Number (Num)	HHIDPN	
HRS Household ID + Person Number (Char)	RAHHIDPN	
Person Number (Num)	PNN	
Person Number (Char)	PN	
HRS Exit or Post-Exit Interview (Num)	POST_EXIT	

Identifier Variables: Wave-Specific

Description	HRS 2008 Variable	Notes
2006 Core Sub-Household ID	KSUBHHN (Num)	ID Fields are provided in both numeric (Num) and character (Char) format. HRS provides IDs in character format, but numeric formats are included in the <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File</i> to facilitate merging with data from previous waves.
	KSUBHH (Char)	
2006 Core Household ID	KHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + KSUBHHN	
	KHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with KSUBHH	
2008 Exit and Post-Exit Sub-Household ID	VSUBHHN (Num)	
	VSUBHH (Char)	
2008 Exit and Post-Exit Household ID	VHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + VSUBHHN	
	VHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with VSUBHH	